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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Ness et al.

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For: Subtilisin Variants

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Before examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: